



CITY OF LONGVIEW CHARTER

ARTICLE II. THE CITY COUNCIL

SECTION 2.03 COUNCIL QUALIFICATIONS

The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall have the following qualifications:

- (a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Have resided within the city and the territory from which the office is elected for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding Election Day;
- (c) Meet all other eligibility requirements of the Texas Election Code;

[TITLE 9. CANDIDATES CHAPTER 141. CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE GENERALLY]

SUBCHAPTER A. ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Sec.141.001. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

- (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:
 - (1) be a United States citizen;
 - (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
 - (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
 - (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities ;
 - (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:



- (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
- (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
- (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
- (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
- (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made; and
- (6) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.
- (b) A statute outside this code supersedes Subsection (a) to the extent of any conflict.
- (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to an office for which the federal or state constitution or a statute outside this code prescribes exclusive eligibility requirements.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch.211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 614, Sec. 28, eff. September 1, 2007.

Sec. 141.002. EFFECT OF BOUNDARY CHANGE ON RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT
FOR PRECINCT OFFICE.

- (a) Instead of the six-month residence requirement prescribed by Section 141.001(a) (5), a candidate for or appointee to a precinct office must be a resident of the precinct on the date prescribed by Section 141.001 (a) (5) and must have resided continuously in the county in which the precinct is located for six months immediately preceding that date if an order creating the precinct or changing the boundary of the precinct:
 - (1) was adopted less than seven months before that date; or
 - (2) was in litigation at any time during the seventh month immediately preceding the date.
- (b) For the purpose of this section, an order is in litigation if the judgment concluding a judicial proceeding in which the order is mandated or the validity of the order is challenged has not become final.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch.211, Sec.1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.



Sec. 141.003. AGE AND RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME-RULE CITY
OFFICE.

- (a) Different age and residence requirements from those prescribed by Section 141.001 may be prescribed by a home-rule city charter, but a minimum age may not be more than 21 years and a minimum length of residence in the state or city may not be more than 12 months immediately preceding election day.
- (b) A charter provisions is void if it prescribes a minimum age requirement of more than 21 years or a minimum length of residence requirement of more than 12 months.
Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

Sec. 141.004. EFFECT OF BOUNDARY CHANGE ON RESIDENCE
REQUIREMENT FOR CITY OFFICE.

In determining whether a person has complied with a residence requirement under Section 141.001 or 141.003 for a city office, residence in an area while the area was not part of the city on the date that is the basis for determining the applicable period of residence.
Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec.1, eff. Jan.1, 1986.

- (d) Have paid a filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) or have submitted a petition for candidacy in lieu of a filing fee and said petition must be signed by not less than the greater of (i) twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the territory from which the office is elected equal to one-half of Mayor in the most recent Mayoral general election.